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SUBJECT: VON CARSTANJEN PROPERTY CLAIM

REFS: (A) STATE 129976; (B) PFUND/MALMBORG TELCON 6/12;
(C) BONN A-133, 5/12/78

1. AS INDICATED IN REFTELCON AND IN REFAIRGRAM, EMBASSY NO LONGER HAS FILES ON THIS MATTER AND ITS INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY IS VERY LIMITED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PURPOSE OF KARABIAN VISIT WOULD BE TO DESCRIBE THEORY OF VON CARSTANJEN'S CLAIMS, PARTICULARLY RE INDER MAAR PROPERTY, AND THAT DEPARTMENT REQUIRES AN EVALUATION OF THAT THEORY FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF GERMAN LAW BY A COMPETENT GERMAN ATTORNEY TO BE RETAINED BY THE EMBASSY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THAT EVALUATION ONLY, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING.

2. EMBASSY IS SEEKING TO DETERMINE WHETHER ONE OR TWO LAWYERS THAT COME TO MIND WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE THIS EVALUATION, AND WHAT THEIR FEES WOULD LIKELY BE. EMBASSY REQUESTS NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION TO ENGAGE GERMAN COUNSEL.

3. EMBASSY OFFICIAL WITH MOST BACKGROUND ON THIS MATTER IS ITS HOUSING OFFICER (PRESTON) WHO SHOULD BE PRESENT
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DURING KARABIAN VISIT AND TALK WITH RETAINED GERMAN ATTORNEY. HE WOULD BE BEST ABLE TO SET RECORD AND FACTS STRAIGHT (AS BEST HE CAN FROM MEMORY). PRESTON IS, HOWEVER, DURING LATTER PART OF JUNE AND FIRST HALF OF JULY, PARTICULARLY ENGAGED IN PREPARATIONS FOR UPCOMING PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND ECONOMIC SUMMIT, AS WELL AS PREPARATIONS FOR JULY 4 RECEPTION BY AMBASSADOR.

EMBASSY THEREFORE STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT KARABIAN
RESCHEDULE BONN VISIT FOR AFTER JULY 20.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS TO BE INFORMED OF PRECISE DAY(S)
DURING WHICH KARABIAN EXPECTS TO PUT IN APPEARANCE AT
EMBASSY SO THAT PRESTON AND RETAINED ATTORNEY CAN MAKE
FIRM PLANS TO BE AVAILABLE.
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